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Lieutenant General Vernon Walters  
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C.I.A.  
Washington, D. C. 20505

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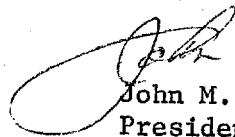
I am very deeply grateful for the contribution you made to our seminar program. Your talk was outstanding. I am sure you could tell from the reaction of the audience how much they appreciated the insight you provided into the problems now facing the intelligence community.

I want to add a very sincere "good luck" on the speaking engagements you have planned for the future. The message you have to convey is one the American people need desperately to hear. I am convinced that if the talk you gave at our seminar could be aired on prime time television, the difficulties now faced by the C.I.A. would diminish rapidly.

I will be forwarding in the next day or so the tape recording of your talk as we promised.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

  
John M. Fisher  
President

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Dear General Walters:

I am very pleased that you have agreed to speak at our national security Seminar of January 26-27. As Phil Clarke may have mentioned, we will be having the top officials of the American Legion in the audience, including the current and incoming national commanders and the current and incoming presidents of the Legion's Auxiliary. Colonel Phelps Jones, the foreign affairs specialist of the VFW will be there.

In addition, the Co-Chairmen of our BICENTENNIAL OPERATION ALERT, General Lemnitzer, and Ambassadors Henderson and Durbrow will be in attendance (the National Commander of the American Legion is also a Co-Chairman).

The other speakers at the Seminar will include Dr. James Dornan, the chairman of the department of politics at Catholic University; Dr. Stephan Gebert, Georgetown University; Professor Ray Sleeper, Space Institute of Tennessee; and Maj. General George Keegan, head of Air Force intelligence.

The Seminar runs from 5:30 p.m. on January 26th to 4:00 p.m. on the 27th.

We have scheduled you as the first speaker. You will be on after dinner on the 26th. We'd appreciate it if you could talk for about half an hour to forty-five minutes with an equal time for questions, answers and discussion afterwards.

I know that the audience is especially interested in how seriously you view Soviet political warfare efforts and how changes have affected CIA's capability to meet the challenge.

I am enclosing a map showing the way to the Freedom Studies Center.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

John M. Fisher  
President

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Enclosure

